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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Bryce Yokomizo, Director

SUBJECT: **CAL-LEARN PROGRAM REPORT FOR THE PERIOD OF
JANUARY 2006 THROUGH MARCH 2006**

Attached is the Department of Public Social Services' (DPSS) quarterly report on the Cal-Learn program for the period of January 2006 through March 2006. In the department's January 10, 2006 Board letter, the Board was informed that DPSS would provide quarterly reports on the contractors' performance effective January 1, 2006 through August 31, 2006.

Cal-Learn is a State-mandated program for CalWORKs participants who are under 19 years old, are pregnant or parenting, and have not yet completed their high school education. The County's four Cal-Learn contractors provide comprehensive, intensive case management services to assist teens in completing their high school education.

The attached reports provide information on the Cal-Learn program and the Cal-Learn contractors' performance measures. The report covers a three-month review of the Cal-Learn orientation, school enrollment, report card submission, and graduation rates.

Attachment A, Cal-Learn Program Indicators - Provides data reported to the State as part of DPSS' reporting requirements on the Cal-Learn program. It reflects a cumulative total orientation completion rate of 66 percent for the period of January 2006 through March 2006. The performance standard for this measure is 70 percent for all newly enrolled participants to complete Cal-Learn orientation.

Attachment B, Cal-Learn Performance Outcome Measures - Provides data on three contractual performance measures. These include the number of school enrollments, report card submissions and GED/high school graduations. It reflects a cumulative total school enrollment rate of 65 percent, a cumulative total report card submission rate of 81 percent and a high school graduation rate of 33 percent. The performance standards for these measures are 60 percent for school enrollment and 50 percent for both report card submission and graduation.

For this review period, the contractors exceeded the minimum standard for school enrollment and report card submissions. The contractors did not meet the minimum standards for orientation and GED/high school graduations except for Foothill Family Service who exceeded all four standards for the performance measures.

The contracts' negotiated review period is six months for Cal-Learn orientation, school enrollment and report card submission rates and one year for graduation rates. Should a contractor's performance fall below all four performance outcome measures, a \$100 deduction may be assessed for each percentage point below the standard in each of the performance outcome measures.

For the annual review period of December 2004 through November 2005, the contractors reflected a 65 percent graduation rate and, as a result, exceeded the standard for the contract negotiated review period. This was quite an accomplishment, particularly for this hard to serve population.

While this report covers an interim three-month review period, the interim data provides us with preliminary findings that will be used to identify areas of concern in the Cal-Learn program and/or in contractor performance.

The next quarterly report will be a cumulative report that will cover the six-month period of January 2006 through June 2006. DPSS anticipates increased graduation rates for the next review period, as most graduations occur in May and June. The next report will be provided by mid-August 2006.

BY:yjm

Attachments

c: Chief Administrative Officer
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**Cal-Learn Program Indicators by Cal-Learn Providers
January 2006 – March 2006**

	El Nido	Foothill	Childrens Hospital	AltaMed	Total
Number Served in the Review Period (Based on the current number of participants enrolled at least one day of the review period)	1,414	342	252	847	2,855
Orientation Attendance Rate Number of Participants Scheduled for Orientation in the Review Period	355	84	44	230	713
Number of Participants who Completed Orientation in the Review Period	221	60	27	160	468
Orientation Completion Rate (Target Rate is 70% and is reviewed Semi-Annually)	62%	71%	61%	70%	66%
Bonuses and Sanctions Number of Participants Receiving a Bonus in the Review Period. ^a	96	14	26	49	185
- Report Card Showed Satisfactory Progress (\$100 Bonus) ^b	95	13	26	45	179
High School Diploma Earned or Equivalent (\$500 Bonus)	2	1	0	4	7
Number of Participants Receiving a Sanction in the Review Period	8	4	2	14	28
Report Card Showed Less Than Adequate Progress	1	0	0	0	1
- Report Card Was Not Submitted	7	4	2	14	27
- Submitting a Late Report Card Without Good Cause	0	0	0	0	0
Number Receiving Supportive Services in the Review Period					
Child Care	128	22	16	37	203
Transportation	215	31	40	119	405
Ancillary Services	51	8	4	12	75
Number of Exemptions and Deferrals in the Review Period					
Exemptions	0	0	0	0	0
Deferrals	0	0	0	0	0

^aRepresents the unduplicated number of participants receiving a bonus in the review period.

^bRepresents the duplicated number of \$100 bonuses issued. Teens can receive more than one \$100 bonus in the review period.

**Cal-Learn Performance Outcome Measures by Cal-Learn Provider
January 2006 – March 2006**

	El Nido	Foothill	Childrens Hospital	AltaMed	Total
School Enrollments					
- Number of Participants Enrolled in an Accredited High School or Equivalent Program in the Review Period	593	149	123	326	1,191
School Enrollment Rate (Target Rate is 60% and is reviewed Semi-Annually)	66%	62%	75%	63%	65%
Report Cards					
- Number of Participants with a Report Card Due in the Review Period	406	87	93	221	807
- Number of Participants who Submitted a Report Card in the Review Period	315	67	78	197	657
Report Card Submission Rate (Target Rate is 50% and is reviewed Semi-Annually)	78%	77%	84%	89%	81%
GED/High School Graduation					
- Number of Participants who Received a GED/High School Diploma in the Review Period	13	4	0	9	26
GED/High School Graduation Rate^c (Target Rate is 50% and is reviewed Annually)	28%	67%	0%	38%	33%

^cThe GED/High School Graduation Rate reflects the review period of January 2006 through March 2006.